

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 12, 1998, at 2 p.m. in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building to hold a hearing on "S. 1530, the Protect Act and Children's Health: Can We Stop Kids From Smoking?"

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ACQUISITION AND TECHNOLOGY

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 1998, in open session, to receive testimony on the Department of Defense, Science, and Technology programs in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 1999 and the future years Defense program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on African Affairs of the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 12, 1998, at 2 p.m. to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEANS AND FISHERIES

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 12, 1998, at 2:30 p.m. on the fiscal year 1999 Coast Guard budget.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 12, 1998, at 2 p.m. in open session, to receive testimony on the Department of Energy's fiscal year 1999 authorization request for environmental management, non-proliferation, and fissile materials disposition.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO PROJECT PPEP FOR 30 YEARS OF DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE

• Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I rise today to extend my sincere gratitude and commendations to Portable Practical Educational Preparation, Inc. (PPEP) for their tireless efforts to improve the lives of needy citizens in the Southwest.

Last October, PPEP, which operates out of Tucson, Arizona, celebrated 30 years of service to this community. At that time, in recognition of the success of their small business loan program, PPEP and Pima County were selected to receive an "Award of Excellence for Economic Development" by the National Association for County Community and Economic Development.

Thirty years ago, a man named John Arnold converted his 1957 Chevrolet schoolbus into a traveling classroom for rural Arizonans. He spent his time teaching migrant workers English as a second language and the value of learning vocational and technical skills. This was the beginning of what is now known as PPEP.

Today, PPEP is a non-profit organization with an annual operating budget of \$11 million. It employs more than 300 people and has developed numerous programs that have become national self-help models.

PPEP provides a multitude of social services for disadvantaged Americans. Some examples of these vital services include: affordable housing for migrant workers, necessary sewer and street enhancements, day care sites, senior nutrition and recreation centers, and public charter schools. The list of good works accomplished by PPEP on a daily basis is lengthy and impressive. Most important, PPEP has made it possible for rural families to experience the dignity they deserve.

As we continue to reform federal assistance programs to encourage self-sufficiency, we must recognize the importance of organizations such as PPEP in providing voluntary community support to needy Americans. The committed staff and volunteers of PPEP have encouraged and enabled many disadvantaged citizens to gain the technical skills and computer literacy which will allow them to move from welfare to more productive lives in the job market. PPEP's services are needed now more than ever, as they provide a bridge for farmworkers, rural poor, and other disadvantaged individuals.

After 30 years of outstanding and enduring accomplishments, I anticipate an even more aggressive and productive effort by PPEP to assist our communities and our country as we enter the 21st century. I extend my best wishes to John Arnold and his colleagues at PPEP and my thanks for their continuing endeavors.●

THE 86TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

• Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, it is my honor today to recognize and celebrate the 86th anniversary of the birth of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America (Girl Scouts of the USA).

Eighty six years ago, Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouts of the USA with 18 members in her Savannah, Georgia living room. Today, there are

over 2.6 million girl members, and a loyal corps of over 800,000 adult volunteers. This is Girl Scouting's third highest membership in 20 years. In my home state of Illinois, there are almost 200,000 Girl Scouts and volunteers. These numbers serve as strong evidence that the principles of honesty, service, community and self development upon which Ms. Low founded Girl Scouts of the USA 86 years ago are still relevant and meaningful to girls of all ages across our nation.

Girl Scouts still sell cookies, earn merit badges and go camping, but they also participate in sports, learn science and computer technology, and engage in activities that promote lasting friendships, diversity, cultural appreciation, personal improvement, and career development. Additionally, Girl Scouts participate in many meaningful community service projects that teach participants about the society in which they live, and address challenging issues such as illiteracy and school violence.

Most important, over the last 86 years, Girl Scouts of the USA has provided girls with the skills, understanding, and confidence to become successful women and citizens of our nation and the world. It is my distinct pleasure to acknowledge the incredible success that Girl Scouts of the USA has enjoyed over the last 86 years, and to wish them the best of luck as they prepare for the future.●

JEAN A. GORSKI: NEW HAMPSHIRE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION 1998 BUSINESS-WOMAN OF THE YEAR

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Jean Gorski for being named the 1998 Business Woman of the Year on February 5, 1998, by the New Hampshire American Business Women's Association. I commend her consistent drive and aggressive encouragement to improve the lives and opportunities of others.

Jean is the Director of Development for the Northern New England Agency of Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company where she has held this position for seven years. She is also a member of the Small Business Association of New England, General Agent's Management Association and Women's Business Forum Steering Committee. She has also held many officer roles as well as been a member of many organizations. To name a few, she served as the sales manager for BankEast and New Hampshire Savings Bank. These are just a few organizations with which she has spent countless hours and dedicated service. This impressive list is something of which Jean should be very proud.

Jean has enthusiastically worked with many organizations, countless